

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus for cutting a glass plate, comprising:

a cracking means for forming a minute crack at a point on the glass plate where the cutting is started,

at least one scribing means using a laser beam absorbed by the glass plate,

at least one quenching means using a quenching fluid after irradiation of the laser beam,

a breaking means using the laser beam, the breaking means comprising a laser oscillator,

a reflection mirror and a focusing lens, and

a photo mask formed with light transmission openings for transmitting a part of the laser beam to be irradiated on the glass plate,

wherein the light transmission openings are formed to prevent the laser beam being irradiated on a scribing line by the scribing means, and to symmetrically arrange the laser beam for the scribe line.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the light transmission openings are formed for the laser beam to be split perpendicular to the scribe line.